

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PAMALA LEADBETTER DEAN,

Case No. 1:25-cv-00616-SKO

Plaintiff,

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS**

v.

FRANK BISIGNANO, Commissioner of
Social Security¹

(Doc. 2)

Defendant.

Plaintiff Pamala Leadbetter Dean filed a complaint on May 23, 2025, along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (Docs. 1, 2.) Plaintiff's application demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED; and
2. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to issue a summons, the Consent/Decline forms, and the Scheduling Order. Service on the defendant shall proceed under the Court's E-Service program as follows: once a summons is issued, the Clerk of Court shall

¹ On May 6, 2025, Frank Bisignano was appointed the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. See <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2025/#2025-05-07>. He is therefore substituted as the defendant in this action. See 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) (referring to the "Commissioner's Answer"); 20 C.F.R. § 422.210(d) ("the person holding the Office of the Commissioner shall, in his official capacity, be the proper defendant").

1 deliver to the Commissioner of Social Security Administration and the United States
2 Attorney's Office at their designated email addresses, a notice of electronic filing of
3 the action along with the summons and complaint.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: May 27, 2025

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE